## Abstract f the Discl sure

A device (1) and/or a method for measuring the lifetime of the fluorescence of fluorophores in samples are disclosed, the device used (1) including at least one light source (2) for exciting the fluorescence of the fluorophores, an irradiation optic (3) for directing the excitation light (4) onto these samples, a sample table (5) for placing a microplate (6), which contains a sample, at the irradiation optic (3), an emission optic (7) for directing the fluorescence light (8) from the samples onto a detector (9), and at least one detector (9) having analysis electronics. The device disclosed and/or the corresponding method are distinguished in that the irradiation optic (3) of the device (1) includes a beam splitter (10) having at least two mirrors (11), which directs a part of the light (4) from the at least one light source (2), which always enters the beam splitter (10) with the same power and the same pulse shape along a first optical axis (12), in the direction of a sample and allows a part of this light to pass on to the respective mirror (11) lying behind it. In addition, advantageous fiber optics and a computer program, for use in the device disclosed and/or for performing the method disclosed, are disclosed and claimed.

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